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The present invention provides an optical information recording medium including a substrate having successively disposed thereon a light-reflective layer, a recording layer and a cover layer, wherein information can be recorded on and reproduced from the recording layer by irradiating a laser beam from a side at which the cover layer is disposed, and a surface of the light-reflective layer at a side at which the recording layer is disposed has a central surface average roughness S_{Ra} of 30 nm or smaller and a number of projections having a height from a reference plane of 50 nm or greater, as determined with an atomic force microscope (AFM), of 30 (number/90 μm^2) or less.